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## **SECRETARY GLICKMAN TO TRAVEL TO KENTUCKY FOR FIRST FARM FORUM**

WASHINGTON, March 30, 1998--Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman will travel to Lexington, Kentucky on Friday, April 3, to meet with farmers about issues affecting production agriculture. The forum is the first of seven being conducted by the Secretary and Deputy Secretary Richard Rominger.

"It's been just over a year since we implemented the 96 Farm bill -- and the historic changes it brought to production agriculture. I believe this is an ideal time to meet with farmers and ranchers across the country to hear their views on how the new program is working," Glickman said.

Prior to the forum, Secretary Glickman will visit the Richardson tobacco farm located at 1890 Steel Road, Versailles. The visit will be open to the press. Reporters may call Bob Finch at (606) 224-7696 for additional information and directions.

The Farm Forum will be held at the Gentry Tobacco Warehouse, 736 South Broadway, in Lexington. The forum will begin at 11:00 a.m. and will end at 12:30 p.m. There will be a media availability at 12:30 p.m. at the warehouse.

Other USDA officials scheduled to attend the forum include Under Secretary for Rural Development Jill Long Thompson and Deputy Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Services Dallas Smith.

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